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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: De Maria et al. Confirmation No: 9304

Serial No.: 10/574,554 Group Art Unit: 1656

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For: Protease Variants

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Listing of claims** begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks and arguments** begin on page 8 of this document.